

COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS - Division of Child and Family Services

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No.	Question	Answer	Additional Information: (period covered, etc.)
<i>Child Protective Services</i>			
1	How many abuse cases were reported last year?	20,972	12 mo ending 6/30/04
	a. How many were actually abused (substantiated)?	8335(40%)	12 mo ending 6/30/04
	b. How many kids were removed from their homes?	1821(14%)	12 mo ending 6/30/04
2	How quickly do we respond to calls		12 mo ending 6/30/04
	a. Priority one - Child in immediate danger	86%	one hour
	b. Priority two - Evidence at risk of being lost or child in risk of further abuse	90%	24 hours
	c. Priority Three - Potential of further harm or loss of physical evidence low	74%	three working days
	d. Priority Four - Court-ordered no specific allegation or out-of-home perpetrator without access to child	79%	five working days
3	What is the turnover rate for Child Protective Service (CPS) workers?	28.60%	Workers w/full load who leave CPS work, FY ending 6/30/04
	a. For all DCFS workers leaving the Division?	13.50%	FY Ending 6/30/04
4	How much experience does the average CPS worker have?	5.7 years (26% less than 2 yrs)	As of 7/17/04
5	What is the average age of a CPS worker?	37.2 yrs	As of 7/17/04
6	What is the average salary for a CPS worker	15.42/hr	As of 7/17/04
	a. What is the beginning salary?	\$12.84/hour	As of 7/01/04
<i>Foster Care</i>			
1	How many kids are in state custody?	2,144	As of 6/30/2004
	a. How many in foster homes?	1,637	"
	b. How many in group or residential facilities?	346	"
	c. How many in independent living ?	43	"
2	What is the average length of stay in foster care?	12.82	cases closed within last 12 months ending 6/30/04
3	What is the percent of children in custody that are:		of 1,895 who came into custody in last 12mo ending 6/30/04
	a. Neglected?	38.26%	"
	b. Physically abused?	9.71%	"
	c. Sexually abused?	2.74%	"
	d. Dependency	22.22%	"

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	e. Delinquent behavior	13.61%	"
4	What percent of cases are related to domestic violence?	31.00%	Of cases closed in last 12 months ending 6/30/04
5	What percent of children removed from home are eventually returned to their parents?	33.71%	Of cases closed in last 12 months ending 6/30/04
6	What percent are placed with relatives or guardians?	31.96%	Of cases closed in last 12 months ending 6/30/04
7	What percent of children removed from home are placed with other than parents or relatives?	22.49%	Of cases closed in last 12 months ending 6/30/04
8	In cases where parental rights are terminated, how long does the child generally spend in foster care before being adopted?	20.42	Of cases closed in last 12 months ending 6/30/04
9	What does it cost to keep a child in foster care?	\$30,610/year direct, \$6,763 indirect, Total \$37,373	Based on all types placement during FY 2003
10	How do you become a foster parent?	Apply thru Utah Foster Care Foundation, receive training, become licensed	
11	What training do foster parents get	32 hrs pre-service, 12 hrs annually	
12	How much are foster parents paid?	Per Day	Payment based on age of child
	a. Basic foster care	\$13.75 - \$15.75	
	b. Structured home (includes structured step-down)	\$21.75 - \$33.26	
	c. Specialized home	\$16.75 - \$18.75	

General Division Questions

1	How many persons were served by the Division last year?	53,860	Fiscal Year 2004
2	How many are employed in the Division?	1130	As of 7/17/04
3	How many caseworkers do we have?	524	with cases as of 7/17/04
4	What is the Division's Annual Budget?	\$132,355,800	Authorized for FY 2005, includes state and Federal funding